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Lesson 4: **PLURAL FORM**

Plural form : refers to a noun that includes more than one of a particular noun

Examples : a table → tables

Here , a **table** means one table but **tables** means two or more , so **table** is **singular** and **tables** with an « S » at the end is **plural**

In order to get the plural of a noun , the general rule is just to add an « s » at the end of a noun, but there are some nouns take some change in a plural form .

1- For most nouns we add « s » at the end of the word

Singular form	Plural form
Ball	Balls
Tree	Trees
Hand	Hands

2- For nouns that end with « s,x, z, ch , sh, », add an « es » at the of the word .

Singular form	Plural form
Box	Boxes
Boss	Bosses
Dish	Dishes

3- For nouns end with « o », need « es » at the end

Singular	Plural
Potato	Potatoes
Echo	Echoes
Hero	Heroes

4- Some words end with « f, ife » we need to replace the letter « f », by « v » then we add « es » at the end .

Singular	Plural
Loaf	loa ves
H alf	hal ves
Wife	wi ves
Knife	kni ves

5- But words end with « f », need « s » at the end .

Singular	Plural
Reef	Reef s
Chef	Chef s
Roof	Roof s

6- For common nouns ending with a consonant followed by « y » replace the « y » by »i« than add « es » at the end.

Singular	Plural
Nappy	Napp ies
Fly	Fl ies
Sty	St ies

7- Some nouns are the same in both forms

Singular	Plural
Fish	Fish
Sheep	Sheep
Tuna	Tuna

8- For other words, some letters must be replaced, or added, and sometimes changing the word completely.

Singular	Plural
Child	Child ren
Ox	Ox en
Man	Men

To conclude the lecture, in order to get the plural of a singular word, you should pay attention to the singular word before then you applicate the necessary rule you have above.